



Memorandum

To: Chief Academic Officers and Provosts

From: Dr. Paula Compton, Associate Vice Chancellor, Ohio Articulation and Transfer Network

Date: February 2, 2022

Subject: Industry Recognized Credential Transfer Assurance Guide (ITAG): Practical Nursing

I am pleased to announce a new Industry Recognized Credential Transfer Assurance Guide (ITAG) for Practical Nursing.

ITAGs are a statewide transfer initiative that guarantees the award of college-level credit to students earning agreed upon industry recognized credentials. The ITAG policy was approved by the Chancellor in February 2021. Students meeting credentialing requirements, regardless of where the learning was achieved, will be eligible to earn credit for specified courses deemed equivalent by faculty and endorsed by Ohio's public institutions of higher education. To reduce variability in the transfer credit evaluation and application process, a set of college-level learning outcomes will be established for each ITAG. The learning outcomes, which will be aligned with applicable third-party program accreditation, credentialing, and/or other industry standards, will be vetted by faculty and industry as needed.

This memo provides an overview of the Practical Nursing ITAG, the endorsement process, and addresses expected compliance of postsecondary institutions.

Practical Nursing ITAG Endorsement

All ITAG panels are comprised of postsecondary faculty, industry representatives, and educators from either Ohio Technical Centers (OTCs) and/or Secondary Career-Technical Centers. All panel members are listed on the last page of the attached ITAG document. Beginning in October 2021, the Practical Nursing panel first reviewed the approved learning outcomes for the Practical Nursing Career-Technical Transfer Assurance Guide (CTAG) which align with the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN) and the Nurse of the Future (NOF) learning outcomes. The panel agreed with the CTAG learning outcomes and that they aligned with the learning outcomes of the National Council Licensure Examination – Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN). Students must pass this exam to obtain an active Practical Nursing or equivalent license.

An endorsement survey was sent to the Chief Academic Officers and Provosts of all 36 Ohio institutions of higher learning in November 2021. Based on the results of the survey, the ITAG panel recommended to ODHE that the Practical Nursing ITAG be approved.



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The Practical Nursing ITAG allows individuals passing the NCLEX-PN exam, and who have an active Practical Nursing or equivalent license to transfer a minimum 10 credit hours of Nursing technical credit to an Ohio public institution of higher education, regardless of where the student received the education. This means students who meet credentialing requirements can receive credit at Ohio's public colleges and universities even if they attended a proprietary or out-of-state school. More information on requirements for credit can be found on the attached ITAG document.

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Compliance Expectations

The Practical Nursing ITAG shares a common set of learning outcomes with the Practical Nursing CTAG, and institutions should continue to submit courses in CEMS through the CTAG approval process. Expected compliance for the Practical Nursing CTAG can be viewed using the following link:

<https://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/ct2/compliance-implementation>

All approved CTAG courses will automatically be approved for the Practical Nursing ITAG and MTAG.

For questions about course equivalency and institutional compliance expectations for the Practical Nursing ITAG, please contact Nikki Wearly, ODHE Director of Career-Technical Education Transfer Initiatives, at NLewis@highered.ohio.gov.